



## AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### What we do:

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), within the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA), was established in 1987 to help ensure that HIV-positive uninsured and under-insured individuals have access to pharmaceutical (drug) therapies. The goal of ADAP is to make available, in an effective and timely manner to people living with HIV, drug treatments that can reliably be expected to increase the duration and quality of life. Currently, over 175 drugs are available through ADAP, and there are over 3,000 pharmacies statewide where clients can have access to these drugs. Without the drugs available through ADAP, thousands of HIV-positive Californians would face rapidly deteriorating health.

### Who we serve:

Individuals are eligible for ADAP if they:

- are a resident of California;
- are HIV infected;
- are 18 years of age or older;
- have an adjusted Federal Adjusted Gross Income that does not exceed \$50,000
- have a valid prescription from a licensed California physician; and
- lack private insurance that covers the medications or do not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal.

A co-payment is required of anyone whose annual adjusted gross income is between 400 percent of federal poverty level (currently \$40,840.00) and \$50,000.00. Persons with an annual adjusted gross income below 400 percent of the federal poverty level receive ADAP drugs at no cost.

### ADAP for Persons with other prescription drug coverage:

Federal and state law requires that ADAP funds be used as the payer of last resort. ADAP's goal is to help individuals access and maintain HIV prescription drug coverage, while ensuring that ADAP is used only after all other potential payer options are exhausted.

- *Medicare Part D:* All Medicare eligible ADAP clients are required to utilize the prescription drug benefits available under Medicare Part D. ADAP is able to assist clients in meeting some of their out-of-pocket costs associated with the various levels of coverage available under Medicare Part D.
- *Medicare Part D Premium Payment Program:* Persons with Medicare Part D premiums, may be eligible for payment assistance through the ADAP Premium



Payment Program administered by the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergence/Health Insurance Premium Payment (CARE/HIPP) Program.

- *Private Insurance:* Persons eligible for private insurance coverage are required to access and utilize their prescription drug coverage benefit. ADAP is able to assist clients in meeting some of the out-of-pocket costs associated with private insurance prescription drug coverage.
- *Private Insurance/Premium Payment Program:* Persons who are eligible to receive insurance but are in need of premium payment assistance should be referred to the (CARE/HIPP) Program or the Medi-Cal HIPP Program.

#### **What you should know:**

- AIDS drugs (antiretrovirals) delay progression of the disease and help prevent the life threatening infections that HIV-positive individuals are susceptible to due to their suppressed immune systems. As a result, AIDS drugs enhance the quality of life for many HIV-positive persons and enable them to remain healthy and to work for as long as possible, thus reducing the cost of publicly-funded health care services.
- ADAP served 31,221 clients in fiscal year (FY) 2006-07 and filled over 860,000 prescriptions for these clients.
- To enroll in ADAP, you may go to any of more than 200 enrollment sites located throughout California.

#### **Helpful resources:**

- To find the nearest ADAP enrollment site or pharmacy, or to find out more about the ADAP drug formulary, eligibility information, etc., please call Public Health Services Bureau, the ADAP pharmacy benefits management service provider, at **(888) 311-7632** or see Website <http://www.phsb.com>.
- For more information on OA's mission, OA programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call the:
  - California AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-AIDS (English & Spanish) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD).
  - National AIDS Hotline at (800) 342-AIDS (English), (800) 344-SIDA (Spanish), or 800 243-7889 (TDD).
- For more information on Medicare Part D, see Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Website <http://www.cms.medicare.org>, or (800) MEDICARE.
- For information about the Medi-Cal HIPP Program, call (866) 298-8443.
- For information about the CARE/HIPP insurance continuation program or information on Medicare Part D Premium Payment assistance, call OA at (916) 449-5900.

